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NOBLE ANNOUNCEMENT

This Monday Elaine Noble officially announced her candidacy for the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Running as a Democrat in a newly created district, Ms. Noble filed state primary nomination papers at the State House. Results returned from the nomination filing deadline at City Hall indicate that the five candidates, including Elaine Noble, will be seeking the Democratic Party nomination on Sept. 10 — the primary election.

Candidates filing papers must have a minimum signature count of 150; 210 is the maximum number of qualified signatures reviewable. Of those individuals submitting nomination papers, Elaine Noble was the only candidate who reach-

men, and over 73% of the households include only one person. Therefore, the majority of people who live in Suffolk Six belong to one or more minority groups. A neighborhood resident said this of Elaine Noble: "I figured she knew what she was talking about and understood people. You know, you have to understand people to represent them."

Elaine, who has lived in the newly created district for seven of her eleven years in the Boston area, is a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and serves on the commission's health and education task forces.

A lesbian feminist, Ms. Noble was one of the first directors of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus. She has testi-



Photo by Ed Braverman

GAY PRIDE MARCHES ON

1974's Gay Pride Week got off to a rousing start last Saturday as an estimated 1000 people showed up at Copley Square to march through the streets of Boston in an expression of gay unity and power. Marchers met at noon in Copley Square, and set off at 12:30 p.m. down Dartmouth St.

The parade included few in drag and a number of floats and cars, including a papier-mache lavender rhino (now residing at the Charles Street Meetinghouse), and a "chinese dragon" rhino that was 20 yards long and consisted of about eight people. GCN had an automobile carrying its birthday cake (which measured approximately 3'x2'x2'), and its banner featured News Editor Ellen B. Davis leaping red-faced around it. Other local and out-of-town groups carried banners, too. Both New Hampshire and Maine were represented, as was Worcester. Local organizations with banners included DOB, Homophile Center Health Service, HUB, Gay Media Action, Metropolitan Community Church, Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition.

The parade moved down Dartmouth to Commonwealth Ave., then took a right onto Arlington, circling the Public Garden and making the day memorable for unsuspecting tourists fresh off the swan boats. DOB President Sheri Barden, bullhorn in hand, led chants of "Gay Power," "Gay Pride," "three-five-seven-nine, lesbians are mighty fine." As the DOB banner passed

the Garden, President Barden called for citizens watching to join — "We know you're gay, your mother knows you're gay, come out of the bushes and into the streets."

Things got noisier as the marchers moved down Charles St., past the Charles Street Meetinghouse, as a group of men began to chant "two-four-six-eight, how do you know your husband's straight?" Then it was back up Cambridge St., past smiling Sporters-goers and impassive firemen staring out firehouse windows to Tremont St. and through throngs of Saturday shoppers. And, finally, to the Com-

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ed the maximum 210 figure. Reliable sources project that of the 650 signatures filed by Ms. Noble, 250 to 300 would qualify for consideration. Helene Johnson came closest to Ms. Noble's total with 203 valid signatures.

Suffolk Six, the newly created district, includes Back Bay, most of Kenmore Square, and the Fenway area. Approximately 60% of the area residents are wo-

fied and lobbied at State House committee hearings for legislation in the fields of child care, women's rights, sexual privacy, and rent control for minorities and the elderly. She has also endorsed employment and housing rights for the blind.

Elaine Noble graduated from Boston University in 1966; she holds a master's degree from Emerson College and was

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OPENING TO THE LEFT

About one hundred people attended a panel discussion and forum sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party Friday night on the state of the gay movement in New York and New England. Participants in the panel were Elaine Noble, candidate for the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Judith Sands, review editor of "Focus"; Sally Rees of the GSO at the University of New Hampshire; Tom Dotton of the Worcester Gay Union; Louis Kelley of SAGA (Seacoast Area Gay Alliance of New Hampshire); Wayne Hieber of the SWP and the New York City GAA, and Ed Tynan of GCN and Gay Media Action. Chairing the discussion was Diana Travis of the SWP, former co-moderator of "Gay Way" with Elaine Noble.

Ed Tynan began the discussion by describing this year's plans for Gay Pride Week and by urging everyone present to come to the parade. He also spoke of the necessity of overcoming sexism within the gay movement and regretted the lack of a radical gay organization open to men.

Judith Sands offered an account of the founding and early functioning of the Gay Academic Union, which she said is the only professional organization she knows that admits students as members. Among the GAU's major goals she listed the promoting of gay studies courses, the reintroduction of important works now out of print, legal assistance for faculty members threatened with loss of jobs and allying with students in the setting up of gay student organizations.

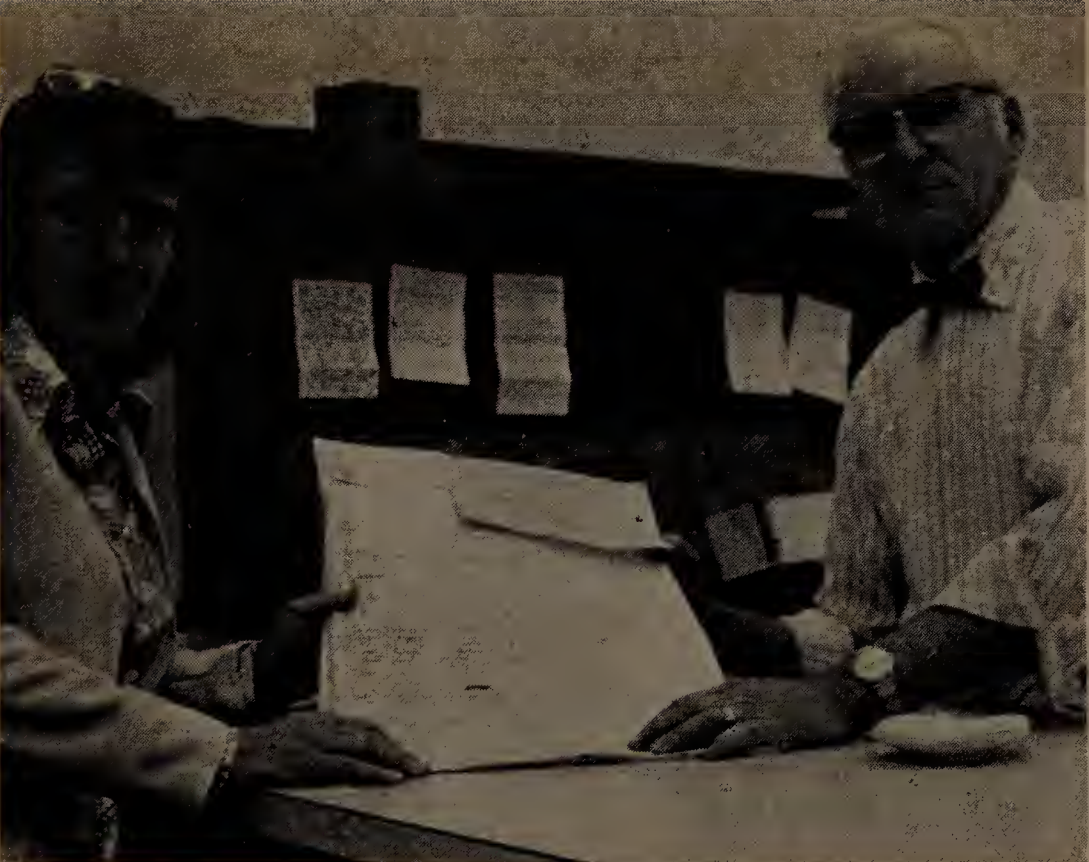
Sally Rees and Louis Kelley described the developing gay movement in New

Hampshire, with Rees commenting on the many difficulties experienced by the UNH GSO at the hands of the perfidious Mel-drim Thomson and William Loeb, and Kelley sketing in the purposes of the newly formed SAGA, a more politically oriented group that so far is active chiefly in Portsmouth and that he hopes will help elect a more liberal governor.

The local development least familiar to most people at the forum was the campaign by the Worcester Gay Union for a municipal ordinance to protect gay people from discrimination at least in the areas of housing and employment, a campaign which Tom Dotton pointed out has made surprising progress despite the copping out of many liberals and a lack of help from gay groups in New York and Boston. According to Dotton, only the Legislative Black Caucus and the Worcester SWP have been of such assistance; he singled out for criticism the purportedly very liberal Mike Dukakis, who is also well known by now for his "separate but equal" stand on school integration, and Gov. Sargent, who it appears believes strongly in home rule and has consequently declined to intervene.

Easily the best known of the evening's speakers was legislative candidate Elaine Noble, who took note of the improved relationship between the women's movement and some socialist groups for which many women once felt merely distrust. Asking herself what attitudes would continue to be most useful in promoting the rights of women, gay people, black people, the poor and other "minorities," she stressed patience, good will and humor

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NOBLE, cont'd

awarded a master's degree in Education from Harvard University this year. For the last four years she has taught speech and phonetics at Emerson College.

She is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Massachusetts and National Speech Associations, the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, Friends of the Public Gardens, the American Civil Liberties Union of Boston, and the National Organization for Women.

Ms. Noble has served as a board of directors member of the Homophile Community Health Service of Boston. As a community service of HCHS, Elaine helped to produce and moderate the radio show "Gay Way." "Gay Way" is currently aired on WBUR (90.9 FM) on Thursday nights from nine to ten as a public service of Boston University. Replacing Elaine on

the show is Ann Maguire, star co-moderator. Ann is assisting Ms. Noble with her election as campaign manager.

Elaine has been active in neighborhood issues. As a member of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, she is protesting the granting of more liquor licenses in the Back Bay. In a City Hall hearing on Tuesday, June 25, Ms. Noble will be fighting the acquisition of an additional liquor license by the restaurant L-Ananas.

Many local residents, including Elaine, are working against announced plans to make the Martin Milmore School playground into a parking lot, servicing Fenway Park during the baseball season.

Noble campaign headquarters are located at 78 Queensbury St. The candidate is asking for public support in staffing the office. Interested persons should contact Ann Maguire at campaign headquarters, 267-6616.

Photo by Micki



PARADE, cont'd

mon. Flitting about all the while was a fairy, adorned in black tights and green wings, dancing for startled motorists and passersby.

The parade had little trouble with traffic, as police cleared the way and brought up the rear. Cambridge St. was the scene of a brief, almost light-hearted squabble between a frustrated motorist and a few determined marchers who wouldn't get out of his way. The motorist lost and let the parade pass.

At the Common, marchers moved to the gazebo, as the GCN birthday cake was brought forward. Parade-goers and others collected on the Common sang "Happy Birthday" to GCN and the giant cake was cut and distributed throughout the crowd. Gay Pride Week announcements followed. Then Elaine Noble, candidate for State Representative from Suffolk Six, spoke to

the gathered throng of about 1500-1700. She announced that she is officially on the ballot, and that her petitions got more signatures than any other candidate.

After that, the crowd settled in, dancing to Lilith and enjoying the Common. Halfway through Lilith's set the rain began, and soon turned into a downpour, as people ran for cover, and official Gay Pride Week activities adjourned to the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

In spite of the rain, the parade was a success. Some noted its quietness, compared to last year's. But, as one veteran commented, "It was quieter than last year, but there was a solidarity in the community. In fact, there was a community marching. Different factions, different views, yes. But we got together as a community for the parade. It was beautiful."



N. Y. C. Parade

Last year 15,000 to 20,000 people joined the Christopher Street Liberation Day March, commemorating the events of June, 1969, when the Stonewall Inn was victimized by a police raid. Gay people fought back — and the modern gay-liberation movement was born. This year, sparked by their anger at the defeat of New York City's Gay Civil Rights Bill, many more gay women and men are expected to participate.

For each new person marching this year the event will be more than the expression of community pride; it will be a giant leap toward freedom. For those new marchers that step off the sidewalk exposes them to the eyes of the world from which they have been forced to hide.

The June 30 march, which assembles at Sheridan Square at 11:00 a.m., and moves up Sixth Avenue to a 3:00 p.m. festival at the Central Park Mall, will be joined by gay groups from New York State and the entire eastern seaboard, including Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, New Jersey and Washington,

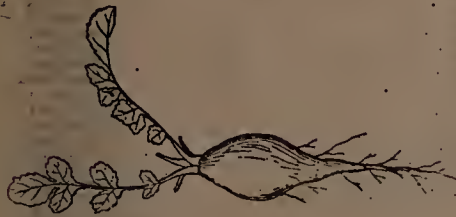
D.C. These include political organizations like Lesbian Feminist Liberation, Gay Activists Alliances of New York and New Jersey, the National Gay Task Force; religious groups including The Unitarian Gay Caucus, The Metropolitan Community Church, The Gay Synagogue and Dignity (Gay Catholics); gay bars and other places of entertainment; college groups, community services; special interest groups like The Gay Academic Union and Gay Veterans Action; and a motorcycle club.

Speakers at the Central Park Festival will include Paul Breton of Baltimore, of The National New Orleans Memorial Fund; Dr. Bert Hansen of The Gay Academic Union; Dr. Franklin Kameny, a gay-movement pioneer from the Mattachine Society of Washington; Sara Montgomery of Parents of Gays; and Nathalie Rockhill, National Coordination Director of The National Gay Task Force.

Entertainers include Michael Cohen, Maxine Feldman, Steve Grossman, Lee Erwin, Alaina Reed, Jim Whiting, and many others.

CARROTS, TOMATOES AND. .

The second round of Gay Pride Week activities got underway Saturday night with a production of the lesbian play *Carrots and Tomatoes* at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Written and directed by Cathy Baker, the play featured singing by Lou Crimmins and the famous hat-and-sneaker streak of Andy Gillespie. Newest cast member was Ellen B. Davis, GCN's indefatigable News Editor, who is embarking on a second career on the stage. A series of timely skits with interludes of song, the one-act play comments on "then" and "now" in the lesbian community.



From N. O. W.

The Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women takes the occasion of the Gay Pride Celebration, June 21-30, to reaffirm its commitment to the elimination of all forms of discrimination based on sexual preference.

This year in the Massachusetts Legislature the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of N.O.W. sponsored three gay rights bills in coalition with the Homophile Union of Boston and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. H2524 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in employment, insurance, credit and housing, and H2525 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public accommodations received favorable reports by the Committee on Commerce and Labor but were not passed by the Massachusetts Legislature. H2601 repealing laws regulating private behavior between consenting adults was adversely reported by the Judiciary Committee.

The Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of N.O.W. will continue to work to guarantee the civil rights of all Massachusetts citizens regardless of sexual preference.

Following *Carrots and Tomatoes*, Lou Crimmins sang a set of her own and others' songs, accompanying herself on guitar. Fresh from her engagement at Cabaret (and *Carrots and Tomatoes*), Lou sang her haunting "Princess of the Night," and the powerful, rending "Womanshe," along with Andy Gillespie's "Wonder Woman," and songs by Leonard Cohen, Dylan, Cat Stevens. The set ended with "Womanshe," and an enthusiastic audience responded with a long standing ovation. A fitting ending to the first day of Gay Pride Week 1974.

CORRECTIONS

In "Talking Politics" last week, two corrections are necessary. Senator William M. Bulger's district now includes South Boston, the Waterfront area, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the B.U. area, but not the South End. Reps. Marie Howe and Mary Fantasia both represent parts of Somerville, as their Cambridge wards have been redistricted to other legislators.

Worcester Ordinance

It looks as if an old Boston landmark and favorite cruising ground for gay men is about to become the latest victim of the war on crime.

Using a combination of federal funds and city money, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department is undertaking a major reconstruction of the Back Bay Fens.

In an article in last Thursday's *Globe*, Bob Sales reported that defoliants Amatro-T and Delapon were sprayed on the reeds along the Muddy River. Winds spread the chemicals to the Victory Gardens, killing trees, flowers and vegetables.

Mr. Morelli of the Parks Department said the action was taken on the request of area residents who contend that the reeds harbor criminals who attack women and molest children in the park. Although no more spraying will be done, the department intends to dredge the Muddy River this fall, grade the banks and plant grass to the water's edge. Plans for the area include new lighting and increased police

cruising.

Mrs. Virginia Hurley, a neighborhood resident and member of the Garden Society, said, "I was one of the prime movers in getting those reeds removed. They provide cover for criminals. It is not safe, especially for children." When asked if she thought getting rid of the faggots were an underlying reason, she replied, "No. Gay people have also been victims. I myself had to call police to rescue a gay man from a gang of thugs. This is not a gay issue; it is a matter of safety and crime control. Gay people should not have to meet in the reeds; they should be able to meet in the open."

Aside from the crime issue there is the question of the environment. A public hearing was held last Wednesday on the environmental effects of the proposed dredging. Mr. Morelli stated that the Parks department bought a dredge last Wednesday.

In addition the Back Bay Fens are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and federal law requires that plans be filed with HUD and the state historical commission. Mr. Bill Barry of HUD and Mrs. Amadon of the Massachusetts Historical Commission say that has not yet been done.

Until it is done and a determination can be made as to adverse effects no work can legally proceed.

Noble Button

The winner of the "Elaine Noble Design A Button" Contest has been announced by members of the Committee to Elect Elaine Noble. Maggy Krebs, a graphic artist from Winthrop, designed the winning button, which features Ms. Noble's name in the form of a waving flag.

A slogan from the button design submitted by Jim McCassie, "Dignity For All," was incorporated in the final artwork.

Ms. Krebs' first-place design has won her a home-cooked, gourmet meal prepared and served by Elaine.

The new buttons, to be used in Ms. Noble's campaign for state representative from the Suffolk 6 District, will be printed within a month.

Amazons 74

Lavender Jane, a New York lesbian-feminist rock trio, will be coming to Boston this Friday, June 28 to give a concert benefiting Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition. Second on the bill will be Lou Crimmins, Boston singer-songwriter. The concert is a night of music by women for women, at 8:00 p.m. at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Suggested donation is \$3, \$2.50 in advance.

The Lavender Jane - Lou Crimmins concert is the first event sponsored by planners of Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition, a conference for lesbians scheduled for next October. "We look forward to Lavender Jane and Lou Crimmins initiating our calendar of events," said the Conference's Carol Weizmann. "It'll be a fine women's concert. And it's the beginning of our Amazon Expedition."

Other events for the lesbian conference will be a concert by Washington, D.C., singer Meg Christian on July 12, and three performances by the Lesbian Science Fiction Liberation Theater on July 24, 25, 26. Also, a number of other activities are being planned, including an arts and crafts show, a photography exhibit, an automotive workshop, dances, a local women's music festival, women's films, and more.

"The Conference and its preceding summer activities," says The Conference 74 policy statement, "will reflect not only the growth of women, but the evolving expression of women undertaking an alternative way of living—an alternative of strength, independence, self-sufficiency, love, and sisterhood that is, ultimately, Amazon."

Crime Control or Ecology

WORCESTER — Last Monday the state's first local anti-gay discrimination measure moved a step closer to adoption when the Worcester City Council's Human Resources Committee gave official backing to a proposed municipal ordinance to prohibit discrimination against gays in housing and employment.

At the conclusion of a lengthy public hearing, the Committee, composed of City Councilors Carl H. Koontz and Barbara C. Kohin, voted to amend the existing Worcester Human Rights Commission charter to outlaw discrimination in housing and employment, "On the basis of sexual preference or sexual orientation."

Ms. Kohin recommended simple rewording of the Human Rights Charter to ban discrimination in "housing, employment, recreation, education, consideration before public officials and public accommodations," but Thomas Dotton, the original petitioner, on behalf of the Worcester Gay Union, requested the focus of the ordinance remain limited to housing and employment.

"The restriction was political," Dotton said. "Obviously, we'd want the measure extended to all areas, but in Worcester if we ask for everything, we'll get nothing."

Persons testifying for the proposed measure were Rev. Don McGaw; Rev. David Yeagerlehner, a Methodist minister from Shrewsbury; Dr. Rudi Everest of the Worcester Council of Churches; Father Paul O'Connell, one of the five Human Rights Commissioners and judge-advocate of the marriage tribunal of the Worcester Catholic diocese; Patricia Beyea, of the local branch of the Civil Liberties Union; Daniel O'Rourke, the executive director of the Human Rights Commission; Allen Young; Thomas Dotton; Elaine Noble; Judith Sessler; Jolynne Kanerva of the Worcester Gay Union, and Ellen Gardner.

Additional statements of support from various religious, social service and professional organizations were also read into the record.

A single opponent, Worcester attorney Henry C. Donnelly, was present to tell the Committee people who had chosen to be

gay, "shouldn't waste the taxpayers' money," by asking government to make "life easier for them."

Within minutes after Donnelly finished speaking, Koontz and Kohin voice voted a favorable committee report for referral to the full 9-member City Council on Tuesday, July 16. At that time the Council will vote to publish or not publish the Human Rights charter amendment. If published, the amendment will stand for a two-week mandatory period before a final vote on adoption.

From now until the July vote, the Worcester Gay Union will be spending its time gathering organizational support and strengthening their cases of alleged anti-gay discrimination in the Worcester area.

In a related matter, the Black Caucus last week made public a statement on gay rights addressed to the Worcester City Council. Signed by Rep. Mel King for the entire Caucus, the text read, "Concerned with discrimination against any segment of our society, we, the members of the Legislative Black Caucus, respectfully urge

immediate adoption of a proposed ordinance . . . now before your Committee on Human Resources. We feel it our moral responsibility to speak out on this issue, so vitally affecting the lives of homosexual men and women who each day endure the illegal and unconscionable discrimination for no reason other than their sexuality. Approval or disapproval of a particular lifestyle is irrelevant to the concept of equality under the law. Accordingly, we deplore the arbitrary and capricious denial of civil rights to these citizens and enthusiastically support their petition request."



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TOGETHER

Gay Pride Week 1974 has begun! And like no other in the past a sense of community, a word that could be defined with a hundred different definitions, seems to represent what gay sisters and sisters, brothers and brothers, and sisters and brothers began feeling at the parade on Saturday. One woman in the crowd commented, "I remember last year when this rag Gay Community News first appeared, my lover brought it home and showed it to me. My response was, what gay community? And now, today I see it."

Observations from other marchers were that the group wasn't as boisterous or rowdy as it had been in previous years but there was something unwordable — a feeling, vibrations — in that crowd of 1000 gay New Englanders. Strength, love, joy, pride, what fools we have been socialized into, trying to find a word or words to describe that experience.

That unwordable feeling carried on into the night with entertainment at the Charles Street Meetinghouse as over 200 gays watched "Carrots and Tomatoes" and listened to Lou Crimmins. There could have been recitations of television commercials and the crowd couldn't have

been turned off. People were getting off on their gayness and the gayness of the person sitting next to them and the gay pride that created a silent explosion in the Meetinghouse that night.

As one traveled through gay Boston Saturday night and stopped at gay haunts, the Saints most specifically, that feeling, that euphoria was present but a bit more intimate as women that might have just smiled at one another three days ago were now touching and somehow creating a stronger sense of sisterhood.

Somehow, some of us pragmatists can't

help wondering if the spirit of Gay Pride Week is sort of analogous to the spirit of Christmas. That time of year when we hold store doors for other shoppers, smile at strangers and feel an inner warmth through the December chill. With the arrival of January 2nd people start letting doors close on the shoppers behind, smiles become glazed looks and the battle with winter resumes, the warmth being doused.

Cynics, pessimists and pragmatists beware! There is a promise, a vision, of that sense of community that made its appearance on Saturday in the sunshine and later in the rain. Something other than just another Gay Pride Week began. From our homosexual union a community has been born!

REACTIONS:

PRISONERS

Dear GCN,

As a regular reader of GCN, I would like to express my great appreciation of gay concerns and struggles.

I have been chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition for three years in the federal system. Of course we have had many struggles, written in various papers. At present ACLU has a class action suit filed against federal authorities on behalf of all gay prisoners in the Sexual Privacy Project and gay Bill of Rights (Mr. Paul Danels c/o ACLU of 22 East 40th St., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016). The N.G.P.C. is recognized by several state prisons and is a real must for gay prisoners in terms of less discrimination and improved parole programs.

The main thing I would like to stress in my letter to you and the staff is that we appreciate what is happening to our brothers and sisters outside. But why is a prison gay movement always played down by our ever-loving brothers and sisters? There are many political prisoners in federal and state prisons, gay organizers that feel left out because we are fighting our own battle. Seemingly you cannot get it together outside, while progress toward unity inside is increasing. Very rarely do our brothers and sisters out there offer their donations to help the needy gay behind bars; but are more concerned with buttons and drinks, etc., that only go to help capitalistic government running their prisons.

The Gay Pride Week is wonderful, but I never hear of N.G.P.C. mentioned or brothers such as Ernest Valenzuela (vice-chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition, who was set-up and murdered) praised for the struggle to keep future gays as outside people from suffering what we have encountered. It should be about time that your real gay brothers of revolutionary movements are recognized, instead of be-

ing shunned and our poetry, and our pleas for financial help, legal aid, and other needs ignored.

Just remember, the brothers and sisters who died in prison for the gay cause were for you and the gay rights movement. I believe we are entitled to some recognition!

Chairman of N.G.P.C.,
John A. Gibbs, 86476-132
-In revolution for destruction of
all prisons, and release of all gay
brothers and sisters.

Note: See John's article inside, for further information on the National Gay Prisoners Coalition.

THANX

To GCN,

At our semi-annual Congregational Meeting of June 9, the ministers, Vestry, and members of our church asked me to commend you for your fine paper and the invaluable service you perform for the Gay community. I would especially like to thank you for your coverage of the Metropolitan Community Church news. Your efforts have helped us to reach many new people, and have strengthened our ministry immeasurably.

Sincerely and with Love,
Rev. Nancy Wilson
MCC Boston

Due to space limitations, the Gay Community News cannot print all Letters to the Editor. The GCN reserves the right to edit all letters received. Because of the volume of letters, we ask that writers be as brief as possible, and we will try to print a wide variety of letters, covering all issues.

All letters must be signed and include the signer's address and telephone number before they can be considered for publication. This information is for verification purposes and will remain confidential, names being withheld at the writer's request.

FRAZIER

GCN Readers,

No matter how capable one is in expressing himself with the written word, there are times when one just can't put on paper what their mind and heart want to say. At this moment, such is the case with me in expressing grief over the death of George Frazier.

Never did I meet him, yet I knew him from the columns he wrote and his stints on the Mass ReAction program. That this man was our friend was proven many times by what he wrote and said. No other individual in any medium was as outspoken in our behalf. While not one of us, he truly believed in our right to be Gay and free of any stigma solely because we are Gay.

What a loss the Gay community has suffered. It will be some time before we have such an effective friend again.

Sorrowfully,
Jack Ligruck

PICCI

Dear GCN:

Barbara Piccirilli's article "The Reality of Gays 1974" was excellent! It's a beautiful commentary on what Gay Pride Week means.

Thanks again Barbara for your perceptive writing.

Ginny Collins

IN THE BUSHES....



opening

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but not compromise.

The final scheduled speaker, Wayne Hieber of the SWP, recounted the story of the recent thwarting of a gay rights drive in New York City by the determined opposition of the New York Archdiocese. Following his remarks was a friendly and wide-ranging discussion of the women's and gay rights struggles and of the relationship of these movements to liberal and/or socialist political parties. Almost everyone present expressed an interest in comprehensive social change, as well as in such intermediate steps as gay civil rights legislation.

Gay Prisoners COALITION

NATIONAL GAY PRISONERS ALLIANCE

I am writing you in reference to interest in the gay brothers in prison, federal or state. As a chairman of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition for three years, I have struggled for equal protection of our rights. We have managed to progress some, but are far from equality. The great pig Mr. Norman A. Carlson, Director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, has constantly denied our recognition, even though we have the support of outside organizations and universities and the U.S. Senate.

We represent an organization that is helping prepare gay inmates for outside society and to come out and be themselves. We are backed by several gay half-way houses and these places offer jobs, counseling, housing, drug and alcoholic programs and many other programs in gay prisoners' interest. One of these to contact is Gay Community Service Center, 1614 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90017; Mr. Morris Kight, Director.

We try to get understandings with officials and gays, and have a culture program with outside visitors and spouses, who can present films and discussions on sexual behavior, even for non-gays. In addition, we have a library of gay books and material on past and future developments and the struggles of gay movements.

One of our basic reasons for organizing is to halt the discrimination against gays in parole meetings and the assaults on, and murder of, our gay brothers. We ask for less harassment of gays, and equal rights of all types, including the right to our own religious services (as the Metropolitan Community Church), to be established in the prison.

We have attorneys who represent our organization. Anyone willing to organize and come forth to contact myself, John Gibbs, No. 86976-132, Oregon Dept. of Corrections, Oregon State Prison, Salem, Ore., or Mr. Morris Kight at the Los Angeles address can be informed of what is going on. N.G.P.C.'s way of helping you, and the way we draw up by-laws and charters. Voting occurs every six months, thus allowing every person a chance to be chairman or other office holder and also take a political stand.

My political leanings are Socialist, although I feel each person is entitled to his own view. To my belief, formed through study, capitalism and fascism have held us down and in a cell for years, and the time has come to stand up against the people like Nixon and his fascist regime. My vice-chairman and close friend Ernest M. Valenzuela was murdered in November 1973 at Leavenworth U.S. Prison, one of several attempts to rid us of a lovely brother devoted to the movement. I was transferred here to McNeal Island, Wash., from Leavenworth. Also, I received a letter from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to a Texas congressman stating that the reason for not allowing gay magazines in prisons is their pornography and disruption of inmates of the prison, causing trouble and death due to sex and relationships of gays

in prison. This is the type of outright lies, as stated by the pigs of Washington, denying gay people the right to read what they want to, even educational and helpful papers. I do get most of my papers, through a struggle that continues every day. The work goes on, and our duty to help ourselves, others and the movement against these murders and pigs can't stop.

I have asked for investigation of the murder of Ernest Valenzuela and other actions by officials of Leavenworth and have gotten some interest on the subject from the U.S. Senate, A.C.L.U., and other organizations. The A.C.L.U. now has a sexual privacy project for a class action suit against federal prisons and officials in behalf of gay prisoners. They ask all gay brothers to send information of any acts of harassment or discrimination and denial of any publications as evidence in this project. Send to Paul Danels 22 E. 40th St., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10016.

Hopefully the gay brothers of all federal prisons and state joints also will nationalize the N.G.P.C., and bring our movement to a far-reaching organization of respect and ability to help gay brothers and sisters.

I close with love to all my brothers and sisters everywhere!

In struggle,

John A. Gibbs,
No. 86976-132

The following is a list of past Forum topics. We'd like your opinions and suggestions. Please fill in lines below, clip on dotted line and staple to a postcard addressed to: Features Editor, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Which Forums interested you?

Which would you like to see more on?

Other topics you would like to see covered:

(Please include your name and phone if you would be interested in writing on any of these topics.)

THE POLITICS OF FAGGOT (Oct. 27, 1973). What are your feelings on the use of the term faggot by gay people?
BISEXUALITY (Nov. 10, 1973). What are your thoughts on bisexuality?
THE POLITICS OF FAGGOT : Responses (Nov. 17, 1973)
GAYS AND RELIGION (Nov. 24, 1973). How is organized religion of value to the gay person?
GAY COMMUNITY (Dec. 1, 1973).
BISEXUALITY: Responses (Dec. 8, 1973).
THE BARS (Dec. 15, 1973). What is the place of the gay bar in the community?
GAY IS ... (Jan. 12, 1974).
GRAFFITI (Jan. 26, 1974).
THE GAY WOMAN (Feb. 9, 1974). How does the oppression of being a woman make the Lesbian experience unique from the gay man's?
THE GAY MALE (Feb. 16, 1974). What is unique about the gay male experience?
SEXISM No. 1 (Feb. 23, 1974). Do you see gay men as being oppressive of gay women?
SEXISM No. 2 (March 2, 1974). Do you see gay women as being oppressive of gay men?
SEPARATISM (March 9, 1974). What are your thoughts on the philosophy of lesbian separatism from all men - including gay men.
AN OPINION: Hustling (March 23, 1974).
TRANSSEXOPHOBIA: Old Arguments Against New People (April 6, 1974).
GAY PRIDE PARADE PLANS (June 8, 1974). What is your opinion on "drag" dress in the parade?
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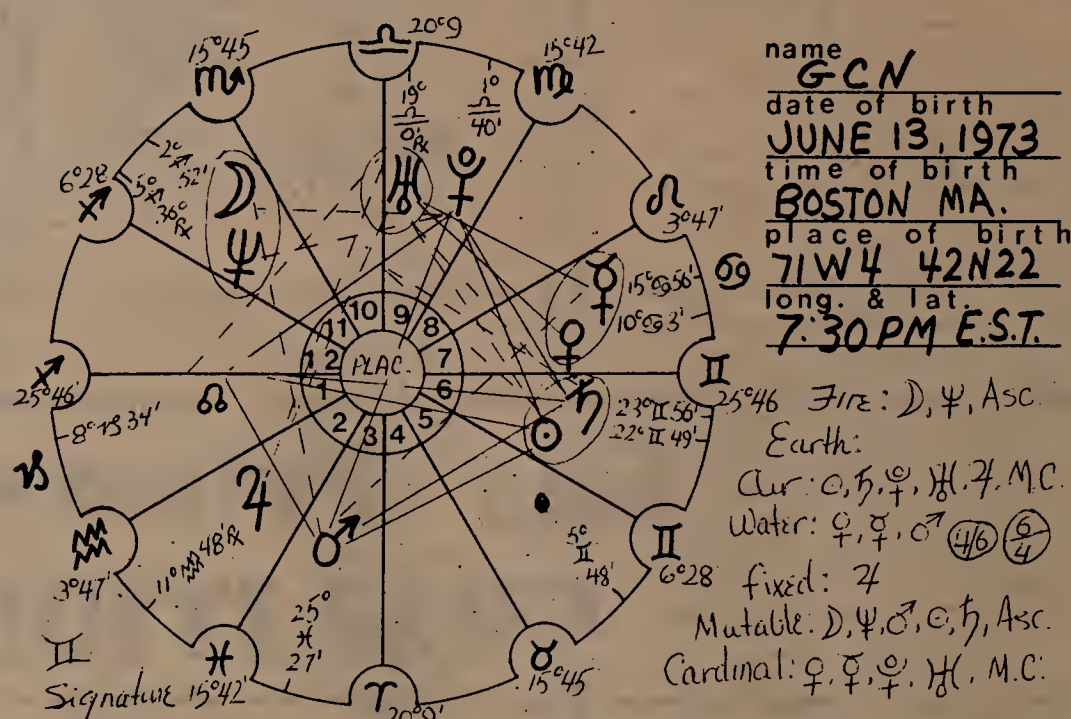
An Astrological "Birth" or Natal Chart is a unique representation of the "planets" at the time of birth for any individual, organization, or event. It is unique in that date, place, and exact time of birth is used to determine the chart, producing a very different and personal chart for each given set of factors. It is important to realize that actual astrology bears little resemblance to "commercial" astrology so popular in most newspaper columns and paperback guides, which is based on the mere "sun sign," which is only one of the literally thousands of unique variables in each chart. Such a basis for definition would be analogous to judging a person by only one factor such as age, nationality, or sexuality, and would probably be even less accurate.

A natal chart is not fatalistic; it merely describes *potentials*, what the entity *may* grow to become, although this potential is often not actualized. It shows strengths and weaknesses, life experiences, and difficulties. Free will is the energy, but the wise person does not fight the energies of the universe, but flows with them.

In the case of an organization such as GCN, the "entity" is the sum total of the people and forces that are a part of it. It exists separate from any individual factor, and has a "life" of its own.

General Observations

The general *asymmetric diffuse* chart planets spread equally through the houses) shows balance and diversity of interest. The lack of any planets in earth signs shows a certain lack of practicality and



stability, yet we shall see several fortunate factors somewhat offset this. The lack of planets in fixed signs shows an interest in new areas of expression with freedom to explore new values and ideas, a fortunate factor for a gay movement newspaper. Yet this same quality denotes a need to develop order and structure, especially necessary due to the lack of earth just mentioned.

A Gemini (♊), there is a natural flair towards communication, writing, and pursuits of the mind, although weaknesses can be superficiality, lack of perseverance, changeability, and boredom with routine. As we shall see, these weaknesses (especially the tendency to boredom) are

fortunately offset by some rather strong factors, for Uranus (♅) and Mars (♂) and Sagittarius Ascendant in this chart promise never a dull moment!

Aside from the natural Gemini talent for communications, there are no less than a dozen major factors denoting writing, reporting and publishing potentials, including (♄ 3rd, ♀ 6th, ♃ 11th, ♄ 7th, ♃ 3rd, ♃ 9th, ♄ 8th, ♃ 4th, and ♃ 10th).

Strengths

In reading the great number of factors in a chart, many offset each other, or make qualities hazy. The qualities which are repeated many times strongly are keys to the chart and are duly noted. In GCN's chart

there are truly astounding *potentials*, most of which are very directly tied with the necessary qualities of a newspaper and, more importantly, of a liberation movement.

This chart shows a tremendous emphasis on humanitarian values, ability to perceive injustice, understand human suffering and need, and casting off out-worn social beliefs. The placement of Pluto (♇) and Uranus (♅) by House and elevated on the Midheaven (M.C.) are powerful forces in this direction, as well as ♄ , ♃ , ♆ 11th, ♁ , ♂ , ♊ , ♍ , ♎ , ♏ , ♐ , ♑ , ♒ , ♓ .

Psychic potentials are highly indicated, although such powers are very difficult to actualize, indicated by such factors as

These powers should not be wasted, noting the previously mentioned communicative powers and the numerous references to potential for great impact on peoples' opinions, especially those in positions of authority. These forces are so strong, in fact, that they could become excessive, as we shall see later, (D¹, § 7th, C¹ 7th, C¹ 3rd, H¹ II, C¹ II Asc., H¹ H¹ (and M.C.).

Ability to lead and succeed (C♭ H♭ C♭ M.C., C♭ ♀, ♀♂ M.C., and Asc. ♀ M.C.), great power to change noted by Uranus' exaltation, combined with sense of justice (♂♂ 10th, ♀ 9th, ♀ 9th, ♀♂♂) and great work perseverance (♂ 6th, ♀♂ 9th, C♭ 6th, ♀ 6th, ♀♂ M.C.) add such strength to this chart, that the last outstanding quality of optimism and good naturedness (♂ Asc., ♀ 8th, ♀ 12th,) ♂, ♀ 2nd,) ♀♂, ♀♂♂

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INTRODUCTION

There has been a long-standing need in the Boston gay community for improved communication between the various gay organizations and the gay individual. The lack of coverage in the "straight" press has added to this problem of getting necessary information to our community. Gay groups have attempted to overcome this problem by newsletters to their members, but this has led to duplication of efforts, with vast portions of the community left uninformed about events until after they have passed.

The Gay Community Newsletter is meant as a means to solve this problem. The purpose will be to list all of the events and information of interest to the gay community in one publication. This will not be a literary publication. We are fortunate to have several already serving the community. We feel weekly publication will be necessary to fill this need for quick current information.

This newsletter is published in cooperation with the many gay organizations in the area, with special starting financial support from the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse and the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

The necessity of being self-supporting will require a small donation for the newsletter. Distribution has not yet been completely worked out, but we anticipate that a large portion of this will be through subscription. (Note subscription form on the following page).

We ask for the aid of the gay community in informing us of information and events for publications. Our mailing address is:

Gay Community Newsletter,
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70 Charles Street
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Temporary phone: 742-0450.

We welcome and encourage the comments and suggestions of our readers!

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This first issue of the newsletter is loosely organized into sections called Events, Volunteers, Needs, Notices, Directory, etc. For ready reference, all dates are repeated in a Calendar. For this issue, we were overwhelmed with descriptive material about groups, most of which we will try to publish next week. This issue consists mostly of current items, and we will try to fill in on general information as we go along, hopefully issuing a complete listing of "group blurbs" once a month.

EVENTS (Continuing)

Gay Women's Rap Sessions are held every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm. at the Daughters of Bilitis offices, 419 Boylston St., Room 323, Bos. (phone 262-1592). Newcomers especially welcome.

Metropolitan Community Church, an ecumenical & non-denominational Christian church, emphasizing ministry to the gay community, has worship services every Sunday evening, preceded by men-

bers meeting, and followed by a social hour (see calendar). Pastors Rev. Larry Bernier & Nancy Wilson are available for consultation: 266-7491, offices at 419 Boylston St., Room 400 are open 10 am - 6 pm, Tues.-Fri. or by appointment.

Street Priest for gays & bis, Fr. Paul Shanley, holds Mass on Sundays at 5:30 pm. at Interfaith, corner of Mass. Ave. & Beacon (next to church). A priest in the archdiocese of Boston,

In this spring of 1973, a small group of leaders in the gay community gathered to discuss the problem of communication in the community. With the demise of Charlie Shively's Gay Male Liberation Newsletter (which although primarily male oriented, attempted to include notices of all events), the community was left with several intra-organizational newsletters put out by D.O.B., H.U.B., and M.C.C. (which dealt mostly with organizational affairs and were not widely circulated outside of the group), and the several publications with monthly-or-less frequency, Fag Rag, Focus, and Gayline. Although nothing concrete was decided at the meeting, the need for weekly communication of events and activities to the entire community was the agreed upon objective. Several ideas were thrown around, including acquiring a regular column in the Phoenix or Real Paper, increasing circulation of one of the present newsletters, or starting a new newsletter.

The second meeting, held shortly before Gay Pride Week, 1973, on June 13th, is considered the birth of the present G.C.N. At this meeting it was decided to publish a weekly *Gay Community Newsletter* with the Charles Street Meetinghouse offering to pay the expenses of the first four issues. Ian Johnson, previously uninvolved politically in the gay community, was conned into being in charge of getting out the first issue (which appeared three days later), a responsibility which was to last until October.

The two page mimeo newsletter grew above expectations as the small staff of less than a dozen toiled in the back room of the Meetinghouse, between the kitchen and the ice machine, with Tom Morganti spending an entire day running the mimeo machine, putting out an 8 page newsletter.

By the third week of publication, Ellen B. Davis, the present news editor, had joined the staff, having just come out at Gay Pride Week. Due to the mammoth task of mimeographing, the decision was made to change to offset printing, and Bob Getz of Two Penny Press was a fortunate selection because of all the advice he gave a bunch of people who had little idea of what they were doing. A grand total of \$30 had been raised on the first three issues, and the new printing expense brought weekly costs up to almost \$100 per issue. Generous donations, primarily from the staff, covered costs until subscriptions and paid circulation began bringing in some profits.

Issue No. 4, dated July 12, 1973, came out as a 4 page offset, the name changed to *Gay Community News*, and we were so proud. This issue carried the first masthead, or credits, and the present staff of GCN which date back to that issue, besides Ian, Tom and Ellen, include Dave Peterson, John Kyper, Ginny Collins (under the name Susan Phillips), Mike Rubinstein, and Marty Wander. Also listed but no longer with the paper were: John Williams, Alice Ann Williams, Erich Schlozman, Danny Greco, Eric W., Ralph Green and William Canfield.

By October, the original 19 organizations listed on the Quick Gay Guide had increased to 31, GCN became 8 pages and many staff were added (from No. 4's 15 to 30 staffers). Ian, as editor, still had complete responsibility for content, staff-

ing, production, and growth of the paper, and although he had said he couldn't continue several times in the last months, push came to shove, and he refused to continue in that capacity. It was decided that the task was impossible for one person, much less as a volunteer, so the Governing Board, the decision making body which is made up of all of the staff, reorganized the paper, dividing up responsibility into manageable parts. Dave Peterson and Mitch Morgan were made Managing Editors, Ellen B. became News Editor, and Ian became Feature Editor. Other areas of the paper were organized, with Dee White handling subscriptions, Marty Wander layout, Ginny Collins advertising, Mike Procnier classifieds, and Dave Stryker production.

Under the reorganization, the paper flourished and paid circulation soon reached 1000 copies per week, with the special Christmas issue of 16 pages. This issue covered a two week period and marks the only lapse in GCN's one year record of weekly publication.

By March of 1974, the organization had again become unwieldy. Now, instead of one full time person with too much responsibility, four were in this situation, and could not continue full time without a living income. The growth of the paper also necessitated some central person to coordinate the whole paper again, since communication within the paper, as well as cooperation, were suffering. At this time "That's not MY department" became the unofficial slogan of GCN. To make matters worse, the limited space in the back room of the Meetinghouse was becoming a madhouse, and it was becoming impossible to function.

At this time, in late March, the Governing Board made another crucial decision which was based on equal measures of determination and optimism. It was decided to hire a paid staff consisting of full-time publisher and office manager, and half-time news editor and advertising manager; rent suitable office space, and raise the quality and size of GCN so that it could increase circulation and advertising. It was voted to embark on this venture by raising the estimated capital necessary through a "Make It Happen" campaign with a \$6000 goal.

Ian was hired as publisher, Ellen B. as news editor, Barbara Piccirilli as office manager, and Nancy Burnet as ad manager, a job she took over from Dave Deneef, who had filled that capacity for many months. Salaries were (and still are) at the impressive rate of \$60 full time, \$30 half time. Shortly thereafter, GCN moved to its own offices on the second floor of 22 Bromfield St., the paper grew to 12 pages newsprint (we had to leave our dear friends at Two Penny and gain new ones at National Press) while morale and the number of staff grew quickly.

By May, Ronnie Arruda took over as office manager, the news editorship under Ellen B. was made full-time, Satya became assistant office manager, and Nancy Burnet became the half-time Feature Editor, leaving the other half of her responsibilities as ad manager to Dave Deneef and

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later to Ed Rose. Marion Tholander was also made circulation manager. The most recent change is a vote to make Ian half-time business manager, by request, to get finances in shape, which leaves the publishership to be filled in July.

Now in June, loans and donations to the tune of \$2481 and \$1812 respectively have been raised, a standard 16 page edition is almost definite, our total circulation is some 2200, with subscriptions at 500 and bulk distribution at 1200. Subscriptions and distribution range geographically all the way to Oregon, Mississippi, and Canada, with the bulk in New England. Incorporation proceedings are

now under way, and through the hard work (and play) of many, many people, GCN has become firmly established as a medium of communication and direction in the gay community as well as a voice in the straight community.

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I believe that life is a complex, often puzzling but always exciting adventure. I say Yes to life, for not to affirm life is to embrace death.

I believe that I have been placed on this earth to fulfil two primary tasks as best I can: to love, and to create.

I believe in brotherhood, the fulfilment of love and creation.

I believe in gayness as a renewal of the spirit, a catalytic force which can summon our latent talents and abilities to work for the larger good of humankind.

I believe that each gay person has the right to his or her own history, timing, and life-style. I will never knowingly oppress my fellow gays by setting up my own pattern as the standard of what is right for them.

I believe that I have more to learn than to teach, more to receive graciously than

to give, more to value than to produce. I count my life worth while to the degree that I am able to extend to others a small portion of what has been given to me.

I believe in the word of hope, in the act of kindness, in the touch of friendship, extended in love to my brothers and sisters, and to those whom I have not yet learned are my brothers and sisters.

I believe in the beauty of nature and of human creation, in the beauty of mind as well as of body, in the beauty of personhood more than of outward appearance. I believe that the world can be made more beautiful, and that you can make it beyond beautiful for me.

I believe in the world we must create together, a world in which gays will be accepted as whole persons, in which no gay will have to undergo those agonies of the spirit and the flesh which our generation has known, in which pain and loneliness will be eased by the redeeming presence of the concerned.

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wanted

WANTED: VW FREAK
I have a '59 Beetle, some tools and some time. Need someone to show me and share body work, painting, seat covers, + interior. Trips to the junk yard for parts, and a cold beer afterwards. Dorothy, Fall River 679-0718.

MAINE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER
A journal of the feminist movement in Me. and around the country. Send 35c for the April-May issue or \$2.00 for 8 issues. Box 488, Bath, Me. 04530.

Woman with van needed to move my things to North N.J. in late June, may take 2 trips but I'll pay well. Call Lori 876-6856.

This Lesbian is going to Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Pera. Where are gay or women's bars or women's centers? Call (617) 342-0456 ask for Jan or leave number.

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miscellaneous

LAMBDA RISING WANTS ART
A new bookshop for gay women and men. Original art wanted for sale or display. Write Lambda Rising 1724 20 St. NW, Wash, DC 20009

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GAY FILMS!!!
Community Films is looking for films with gay themes. Anyone knowing of films that would aid in the ed. of both gay & strts call 776-7080.

GCN is doing a comprehensive survey of V.D. treatment for Gay People in the New England area. We would appreciate our readers sending the following information

- 1) Are there any special V.D. services for gays in your area?
- 2) If not, do the general facilities treat gays with dignity?
- 3) Is the V.D. info confidential?
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GAY PRIDE WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESD	THURSDA	FRIDAY	SATURDA	SUNDAY
26 MEDIA ZAP details to be announced-meet at cr. Park and Tremont Sts. at 1 pm. COMMUNITY NIGHT meetings in your local area-see elsewhere for info.	27 MBTA ZAP discuss with MBTA patrons the rhino campaign-meet at CSMH at 10 am. FORUM Topic to be announced 8:30 pm CSMH-upstairs OUTREACH "Out of the Closet and Into the What?" CSMN downstairs at 6:30 p.m. LAVENDER HOUR special gay pride week show 9 pm. WBCN 104.1 FM	28 GAY DANCE 9-1 am, CSMH \$2 donation	29 BASEBALL Meet at 1:00 pm at the ball field at Magazine Beach, Memorial Drive and Magazine St., Cambridge. By subway, take B.C. line to the B.U. Bridge, walk across the bridge, and go left up to the Bench. D.O.B. Champ to challenge All! Bring equipment and lunch.	30 NY GAY PRIDE MARCH buses leave CSMH for NY at 5:30 am sharp, buy tickets at \$10 well in advance at CSMH, returns late in evening.



COMING... JUNE 27 thru JULY 7

27 thurs

The Thursday night forum listed on the calendar above will entail the following: An evening with the Rev. Randy Gibson and friends talking about the last five years of Gay Progress... a retrospective look at what has happened to us, and an account of us. 7:30 pm; don't miss it.

28 fri

A benefit for *Conference '74: An Amazon Expedition* will be held tonight at 8 pm in Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. in Boston. Lavender Jane and Lou Crimmins will be in concert, a night of music by women for women. Suggested donations: at the door, \$3; in advance, \$2.50.

MCC Boston will hold its first Dinner-Theater tonight at 7:30 at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. The meal will be a traditional Saturday night supper of beans and franks... the movie will be *Cool Hand Luke* with Paul Newman. Tickets will be \$4 per person, and should be reserved by calling MCC at 523-7664 as the number of tickets is limited.

30 sun

Benefit for Elaine Noble at Cabaret. Entertainment includes: Jade & Sarsapella, Lou Crimmins, Orchestra Luna, Kelly St. John, and Lona Devron. 3:30-7:30 pm. Tickets \$1 in advance, \$1.50 at door. Tickets available at Campaign Headquarters, 78 Queensberry St., or call 267-6616.

6:30 pm, Memorial Sunday to commemorate the New Orleans fire victims and remember all our gay dead. MCC Boston, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

3 wed

8:30 pm on Channel 44, Catch 44 will be turned over to members of Dignity/National and Dignity/Boston. They will talk, oddly enough, about Dignity's purposes and goals. Tune in.

Please submit Calendar items to "Calendar Editor," c/o GCN, by 1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

7 sun

Dignity's regular monthly meeting at St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston, will be held today at 1:30 pm. The business meeting will be preceded by a Mass in the Upper Church. Please try to attend, as Dignity depends on your continued interest and active support during the summer months to continue the growth that's started.

A Fenway Celebration today from 4 pm till 10 pm at the Edgerly Rd. Playground in the Fenway. Events include games, cheap food, crafts, flea market, movies, and what will you. Sponsored by Boston Center for Older Americans, Fenway Community Health Center, Fengay, Fenway Food Co-op, Community Development Corp., Fenway Daycare, the YMCA, and the Crew at the Edgerly Rd. Playground. Y'all come.

QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

BOSTON AREA (area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
 Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
 B'nai Haskalah 265-6409
 Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
 Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
 Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
 Dignity/Boston
 c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
 Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,
 Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
 Fay Rag 536-9826
 Fenway Community Health Center
 16 Haviland St., Boston 02215 267-7573
 Fengay, c/o Thom Nyland 267-0516
 Gay Academic Union 547-4549
 Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
 Gay Community News 426-4469
 Gay Media Action 868-5729
 Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
 Gay Peoples' Group of
 UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236
 Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
 Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790

Gender Identity Service 864-8181
 Good Gay Poets 536-9826
 Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486
 Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
 Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
 Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111
 Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
 Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
 Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
 Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
 MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
 Project Place 267-9150
 Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 617)

Homophile Union of Montachusett,
 P.O. Box F5, Leominster
 MCC Study Group of Worcester,
 P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543
 SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center,
 N. Dartmouth 02747
 Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828
 Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal
 Sta., Worcester
 Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St.,
 Rm. 31, Worcester

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area 413)

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
 Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883

Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 Fm) 253-5171
 Hampshire College Gay Friends 452-4600x4882
 (Amherst)
 Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
 UMass-Amherst Student Homophile
 League 545-0154
 Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student
 Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912
 Dignity/Providence,
 P.O. Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
 Gay Women of Providence 861-5495
 88 Benevolent St., Providence
 Homophile Community Health Service 274-4737
 (Providence)
 Metropolitan Community Church 831-3773
 and Coffee House (Providence)
 Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
 Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
 Women's Switchboard 862-5504

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
 Gay Alliance at Hale, 2031 Yale Station,
 New Haven 06620

Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101
 Metropolitan Community Church 525-3523
 (Hartford)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Student Organization,
 c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
 Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261
 Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus,
 P.O. Box 1046, Bangor
 Brunswick Gay Women's Group,
 136 Maine St., Brunswick
 Gay Rights Organization (GRO),
 P.O. Box 4542, Portland
 Gay Support and Action,
 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
 Hancock County Gays,
 P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
 Lambda, 30 Cumberland St.,
 Brunswick, Maine 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo
 The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union,
 Colby College, Waterville 04901
 Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union,
 University of Maine, Orono 04473

everyweek

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish
 House, Bangor, Maine
 7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St.,
 Providence
 7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers' Rap, 419 Boylston
 St., Rm. 323
 8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
 8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Am-
 herst (first and third Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
 7:00 pm—H.U.B. Women's Open Rap & Phone (536-
 6197), 419 Boylston St., Rm. 500
 7:30 pm—MCC Mid-week Encounter, Old West
 Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston
 8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Cen-
 ter, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge

8:00 pm—DOB Older Womens' Rap, 419 Boylston
 St., Rm. 323
 9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
 Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks
 House; info: 498-3096
 7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial
 Union
 7:30 pm—MCC Worcester Study Group, 82 Franklin
 St., Rm. 31, Worcester, Mass.
 8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston

SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info,
 536-6197
 1:00-3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St.,
 Rm. 31, Worcester
 2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting,
 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union radio program on
 WCUW-FM, 91.3 Mc.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM,
 492-6450
 1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge.
 2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc., 88 Ben-
 evolent St., Providence; 861-5495
 4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third
 Sundays)
 5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105
 Boylston St., Boston
 6:30 pm—MCC Boston, hymn-sing, worship and fel-
 lowship, Old West Church, Boston
 7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St.,
 Providence, 831-3733
 7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist
 Church, 1 Amity St.
 8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Wor-
 cester, Rm. 31

MONDAYS

7:30 pm—HUB Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
 7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347
 7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St.,
 Providence

8:00 pm—Daughters of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boyls-
 ton St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone referrals &
 info: 536-6197
 7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Wom-
 en's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge
 7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm.
 323
 7:30 pm—Providence MCC prayer group, 75 Empire
 St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows at
 8 p.m.